**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Andhra Pradesh Red Sanders Wood Possession Rules, 1989 - Certain Amendments – Notification – Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 116 Dated: 27-12-2016

Read the following:-

1. Andhra Pradesh Forest (Amendment) Act, 2016 (A.P. Act No.15 of 2016) published in the Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette No.15, Part IV-B, Dated. 19-5-2016

2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No. 913/2009/Vig-2,Dt.25-7-2016.

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**ORDER** :

The appended notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated:30-12-2016.

2. The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Andhra Pradesh, is requested to supply 100 copies of the notification to this Department and 300 copies to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

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The Advocate General, Andhra Pradesh, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
The Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to Government.

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SECTION OFFICER

## NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 29 read with Section 68 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Andhra Pradesh Act No.1 of 1967), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notifies the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Red Sanders Wood Possession Rules, 1989 issued vide G.O.Ms.No. 413, Environment, Forests, Energy, Science & Technology Department Dated.3-11-1989, and published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette R.S. to part-I, No.1, Dated.4-1-1990 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

## AMENDMENTS

**1.** the preamble of the Rules shall be substituted namely:-

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 32.A, 32.D, 33, 34 and 35 read with sub-section (1) of 68 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act. 1967 (Andhra Pradesh Forest Act 1 of 1967), and in super session of all existing rules on the subject made under any of the Acts repealed under Section 72 of the Act aforesaid, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules regarding the possession of Red-Sanders wood"

**2.** for rule 2 (a), the following shall be substituted namely:-

"2 (a) Owner' means a person who possesses Red Sanders wood more than prescribed in Section 32A of the Act or a person who has the red-sanders wood trees in his patta land."

**3.** for rule 3, the following shall be substituted namely:-

"3. No person shall possess Red sanders wood as defined in sec-2 (m) of the Act in excess of 20 kgs except under a license issued in this behalf in Form-II by a Divisional Forest Officer and except the circumstances mentioned hereunder."

**4.** Rule 4 shall be read as 4 (1).

**5.** in Rule (4), after sub-rule (1), the following new sub-rule shall be added, namely:-

"(2). The owner of Red sanders wood in excess of 20 kgs shall inform their stock in Form No. 1 to the concerned territorial Divisional Forest Officer within 180 days from 25.05.2016. The Divisional Forest Officer may grant or reject the license depending on the circumstances, without assigning any reasons."

**6.** for rule 6 the following shall be substituted namely:-

" 6.On the license so granted under Rule 4 or 4(1) the owner or the stockist shall not at any one time possess over and above one metric tonne of red-sanders wood in any form or shape obtained from patta lands or otherwise ,except with the written permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned. License once granted under Rule 4 or 4 (1) shall not be transferable and no person shall hold Power of Attorney on behalf of licensee".

**7.** in rule 9, for the expression 'Rs.500/-', the expression 'Rs.1000/- shall be substituted.

**8.** in rule 10 in sub-rule (2), for the expression 'Rs.500/-', the expression 'Rs.1000/- shall be substituted.

**9.** in rule 11 for sub-rule (3), the following shall be substituted namely:-

"(3) Any person aggrieved by the orders of Conservator of Forests passed under sub-rule (2) may within 30 days from the date of receipt of such order, prefer a second appeal to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) or any Forest Officer not below the rank of Chief Conservator of Forests authorized by him, who may pass such orders as he deems fit, after recording the reasons therefor, and whose orders shall be final."

**10.** in rule 14 for sub rule (1), the following shall be substituted namely:-

" (1) The stock register and stock of red-sanders wood shall be kept open for inspection at any time by any Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Section Officer or any police Officer not below the rank of Sub – Inspector of Police having jurisdiction over the area concerned."

**11.** In rule 15 for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted namely:-

" (2)Where the inspecting officer has reason to believe that the owner or stockist, to whom an order under sub-rule (1) has been or might be addressed, will not or would not produce document or thing as required by such requisition or order, or where the inspecting officer considers that the purpose of these rules will be served by a general search by himself or obtain a search warrant under Sec. 62 (1) b (ii) of the Act and execute in the manner provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973".

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